

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1591, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, Adjournment Resolution.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 99, Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4081–S4229

Measures Introduced: Fifty-six bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 30, and 1022–1076, S.J. Res. 11, S. Res. 134–139, and S. Con. Res. 25. **Pages S4159–61**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 109th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 110–40)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 109th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 110–41)

S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–42)

S. Res. 30, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

S. Res. 65, condemning the murder of Turkish Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance, with an amendment.

S. Res. 76, calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable

peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

S. 358, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 521, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the “Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse”.

S. 556, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the “Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse”.

S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By 51 yeas and 47 nays (Vote No. 126), Senate passed

H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4082–S4131**

Adopted:

Cochran (for Lugar) Amendment No. 690, to provide that, of the funds appropriated by this Act under the headings “DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS” and “ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND” (except for the Community Action Program), up to \$50,000,000 may be made available to support and maintain a civilian reserve corps. **Page S4082**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 122), Ensign Modified Amendment No. 752, to provide additional funding for certain programs under the Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act of 2006, by increasing funding for the United States Marshals Service to track down convicted sex offenders who have failed to register as a sex offender as required by law and by increasing funding for United States attorneys to prosecute child exploitation and child pornography cases as part of the Project Safe Childhood. **Pages S4082–83**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 123), DeMint Amendment No. 704, to prohibit the use of funds to make payments to certain spinach growers and first handlers. **Pages S4083–84**

Coburn Amendment No. 649, to remove a \$2 million earmark for the University of Vermont. **Pages S4082, S4084**

Sanders Modified Amendment No. 737, to provide funds for the weatherization assistance program. **Page S4084**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 124), Biden Amendment No. 739, to appropriate an additional \$1,500,000,000 for Procurement, Marine Corps, to accelerate the procurement of an additional 2,500 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles for the Armed Forces. **Pages S4084–85**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 823 (to Amendment No. 690), to establish the enactment date. **Page S4082**

Obama Amendment No. 664, to appropriate an additional \$58,000,000 for Defense Health Program for additional mental health and related personnel, an additional \$10,000,000 for operation and maintenance for each of the military departments for improved physical disability evaluations of members of the Armed Forces, and an additional \$15,000,000 for Defense Health Program for women's mental health services. **Page S4082**

Webb Amendment No. 692, to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran. **Page S4082**

Coburn Amendment No. 656, to require timely public disclosure of Government reports submitted to Congress. **Page S4082**

Coburn Amendment No. 717, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S4082**

Coburn Amendment No. 718, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S4082**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against section 1711 of the bill as added by Amendment No. 641 pursuant to the order of March 26, 2007 whereby such amendment was considered adopted provided that no point of order be waived by that action, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the section was stricken. **Pages S4085–87**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 125) Senate voted the language of section 431 of the bill as added by Amendment No. 641 pursuant to the order of March 26, 2007 whereby such amendment was considered adopted provided that no point of order be waived by that action germane and the point of order raised against the section fell. **Pages S4087–88**

Chair sustained a point of order against section 3001 of the bill as added by Amendment No. 641 pursuant to the order of March 26, 2007 whereby such amendment was considered adopted provided that no point of order be waived by that action, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the section was stricken. **Page S4088**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Graham be recorded as nay rather than yea, on Vote No. 118, changing the outcome of the vote to 74 yeas to 23 nays relative to Wyden Amendment No. 709 (adopted on March 28, 2007). **Page S4087**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Cochran, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Craig, Hutchison, Brownback, Allard, Alexander, and Grassley. **Page S4146**

Genocide Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances. **Pages S4148–50**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Government of Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the seizure by the Government of Iran of 15 British naval personnel in Iraqi territorial waters, and calling for their immediate, safe, and unconditional release.

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National Asbestos Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 131, designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week", and the resolution was then passed.

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Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 727, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 1132, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, clearing the measure for the President.

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Edward William Brooke III Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 682, to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation, and the bill was then passed.

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Stem Cell Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Senate begin consideration of S. 5, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and S. 30, en bloc; that there be a limitation of 20 hours for concurrent debate on the bills; that the Majority Leader, the Republican Leader, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Brownback, or their designees, each control 5 hours therein; that no amendments or motions be in order to either bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bills, en bloc, be read the third time; that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on final passage of the bills; that Senate first vote on passage of S. 5, and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees, between the votes; provided further, that if either bill

fails to pass with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, S. 5 be returned to the calendar, and S. 30 be placed on the calendar; and that, if either bill is passed, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

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Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence In National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

John Wood, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy. **Page S4228**

Messages from the House: **Page S4158**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S4083, S4084, S4085, S4088, S4093**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007, and adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103, at 6:22 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4227.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chief of

Naval Operations, both of the United States Navy; and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 521, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse";

S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse";

S. 992, to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, with amendments;

S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965;

A bill entitled "The Water Resources Development Act of 2007"; and

The nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence In National Environmental Policy Foundation.

CLEAN ENERGY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine clean energy from the margins to the mainstream, focusing on promoting the widespread use of clean renewable power and the Production Tax Credit which was to spur its development, after receiving testimony from John Bruton, European Commission, Washington, D.C.; John Krenicki, Jr., General Electric Energy, Atlanta, Georgia; Todd Raba, MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, Iowa; Johan van't Hof, Tonbridge Corporation, Ontario, Canada; and Ryan H. Wiser, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on United States policy towards Iran, after receiving testimony from